

The New York Blending Project

Building Lasting Partnerships to Bridge Practice / Research Gaps





- *The overall goal for our two-day Blending Conference is to set the stage to*
 - *expand access to treatment in the community,*
 - *extend the range of treatment approaches,*
 - *improve the quality of treatment, and*
 - *ultimately improve addictions outcomes and costs to society*
- *The primary goal of the New York Blending Project is to capitalize on this opportunity to assure that the Conference leaves a lasting legacy*



- *We need to establish a partnership of interested stakeholders and define an agenda for change*
 - *Blending Conference Planning Committee meetings since February, 2001*
 - *Several smaller Project meetings over past year*
 - *Project Kickoff Roundtable tomorrow to establish a lasting forum for communication and to develop of a broad range of collaborative projects*

Some Opportunities for Blending

- *Conference Outcomes*
- *Epidemiology*
- *Effects of Stress*
- *Treatment Costs and Return*
- *Residential Treatment*
- *Stimulants*
- *Club Drugs*
- *Adolescent Drug Abuse*
- *Prescription Drug Abuse*
- *Infections*
- *Maternal and Child Health*
- *School-based Intervention*
- *Prevention*
- *Professional Education*
- *Pharmacological Interventions*
- *Criminal Justice Interface*
- *Cultural Differentiation*
- *Smoking*
- *Buprenorphine*
- *Methadone / LAAM*



Lessons from the CTN

- *Diverse Community Based Treatment Programs*
- *Diverse Funding Streams and Reimbursement Models*
- *Incentives to Implement New Treatments*
- *Quality and Commitment of Leadership and Line Staff*
- *Interest in Improving Treatment and Outcome*
- *Interest in Working with Research Community*



Lessons from the CTN

- *Diverse Academic Expertise*
 - *Neuroscience*
 - *Pharmacology*
 - *Behavioral Research*
 - *HIV*
 - *Sociology*
 - *Services Research*
 - *Design*
- *Interest in Working with Treatment Community*
- *Remarkable Ignorance of Broad Treatment World Realities*



Lessons from the CTN

- *Buy-in to Shared Goals*
- *Mutual Trust and Respect for Others' Strengths, Needs and Priorities*
- *Coordination, Leadership*
- *Time*
- *Resources*



Lessons from Los Angeles

- *November 2000, Blending Conference*
- *LAPartners Kickoff Roundtable and follow-up meetings*
- *Identify project manager, driver to*
 - *Oversee communications, website*
 - *Organize conferences meetings*
 - *Generate and maintain enthusiasm*
 - *Create partnerships*
 - *Prepare regular reports, bulletins*
 - *Facilitate grant-writing*
 - *But not to “own” project*



Lessons from Los Angeles

- *Focus on Relevant Research / Practice Gaps*
 - *LA County Issues*
 - *Changing Environment*
 - *Proposition 36*
 - *Accreditation Mandates*
 - *Managed Behavioral Healthcare*
 - *Public Perception of Addictions Treatment*
 - *Provider Perceptions and Needs-Assessment*



Lessons from Los Angeles

- *Glossy County-wide Treatment Program Directory*
- *Special Issue of JSAT on LA Blending Conference*
- *Research Funding Opportunities*
- *Clinical Capacity Expansion Opportunities*
- *Follow-up CSAT Conference*



New York and Los Angeles differ

- *Addictions Treatment Tradition*
- *Addictions Treatment Funding*
- *State, County and Local Agencies*
- *Providers Groups*
- *Research Tradition*



Challenges Ahead

- *Coalescing a Stakeholders Group*
 - *OASAS, PIC, ASAP, ATTC, BOCES, IPDA, Providers, CTN, others*
- *Setting Realistic Agenda*
- *Coordination and Leadership*
- *Funding*
 - *Leveraging existing funds*
 - *New funds*
- *Communication*



*Thank You,
and Please Join Us
Tomorrow*